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Editorial Briefs.

THIS issue contains almost six pages of church news. Our Chicago letter is always interesting and seems to put new life into the church. We shall be glad to hear regularly from all our mission points.

Do you know of some one in your community who does not read the EVANGELIST, a member of the Brethren church, of course? After you have read this paper go to such a one and ask him to subscribe for the paper. Remember the price is only 75 cents from now to the end of the year.

THE lengthy report from the West Side Mission by Sister Sadie Gibbons in this issue appeared first in the *King's Children* paper for April. There being such a great number who do not read the K. C. paper, we thought it best to publish it in the EVANGELIST also, as our readers are specially interested in the work now going on in Chicago.

It sometimes happens that church news from the same congregation is reported the second time. There should be an understanding between the pastor and his people so that the same news is not printed the second time. We are glad to be able to report such an abundance of good, refreshing news from different parts of the brotherhood, but we should not be asked to report the same meeting more than once.

WE kindly request our correspondents to avoid all abbreviations in their communications. Do not write "Bro." for "Brother;" nor "con." for convention; nor "sec." for secretary; some write "ch." for church, but we cannot always tell whether church or Christ is meant. Kindly spell out in full all words, except names of States, where it is not always necessary.

WE are receiving subscriptions daily. The work is progressing nicely. Please keep it up, brethren, the paper is cheap at one dollar and there are very few who can not afford to take it at that price. Should there be any such in your congregation, you can easily afford to have it paid for them.

THE International Convention of the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor, which will meet in San Francisco, July 7th to 12th, next, has been sought for by California Endeavorers ever since 1892. They have, for many months, been engaged in the preparations, and are expecting great things of the convention when it comes. The fact that for at least three years past Endeavorers all over the land have been planning to go to California, together with the granting of a very low rate by the railroad companies, insure large delegations. The wonderful scenic features of California and her delightful climate will certainly induce many persons to go merely for the trip. Conservative estimates place the number of visitors at from 15,000 to 25,000, and those figures may be exceeded.

THE following is the life creed of Rev. John Watson, D. D. (Ian Maclaren,) who recently visited this country and whose writings and lectures are attracting world wide attention: "I believe in the Fatherhood of God. I believe in the words of Jesus. I believe in the clean heart. I believe in the service of love. I believe in the unworldly life. I believe in the Beatitudes. I promise to trust God, and follow Christ; to forgive my enemies, and to seek after the righteousness of God." This creed has been severely criticised, and perhaps justly too. It may lack some of the very fundamental principles that should be embraced in a life creed founded on the teachings of the Savior. But this one thing must be said in favor of the creed by Dr. Watson: If everybody would adopt it and live up to the standard of life indicated in these ar-

ticles of faith, the world would be infinitely better morally and spiritually than it now is.

It will be well for the Brethren church to remember that it now has four very important missions in progress, each and all of which should have our hearty support. These are Chicago, Washington, Dayton and Goshen. The prospects at these points are very bright, and all that is needed to make each of these points a stronghold for the Brethren church is to stand by them, not only by praying for them, but by *paying* also. There are many other places where the work can be opened, cities and towns, and our ability to open other missions will be shown by our loyalty to, and support of, the points now open.

IN December, 1895, James B. Wilson, of Indiana was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and \$250 fine and costs for sending immoral papers thro the mails. Just before President Cleveland retired from the executive chair, a petition containing a large list of signatures was sent to him, requesting the pardon of Mr. Wilson. This the President refused to do, and gives the following reasons for refusing the pardon: This convict was one of the editors and proprietors, and a distributor through the mails and otherwise, of a disgustingly vile newspaper. His conviction and sentence was an event distinctly tending to the promotion of public morals and the protection of the sons and daughters of our land from filth and corruption at a time when indecent newspaper publications are so dangerous and common. Everybody in favor of cleanliness should encourage the punishment of such offenses and desire that it should be more frequently imposed. While I am much surprised by the number of respectable people who have joined in urging clemency in this case, my duty seems so clear that I am not in the least tempted to interfere with the just and wholesome sentence of the court."